SYNOPSIS



Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2022 Maryland General Assembly Session

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PLEASE NOTE: February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 7.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 27, 2022

SB 446 Senator Waldstreicher, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENTITIES – PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Establishing certain confidentiality requirements for peer support counseling programs for fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entities; and requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to issue a report on certain best practices relating to peer support counseling for fire, rescue, or emergency medical services entities and to make certain information regarding peer support counseling publicly available on the Administration's website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PS, § 7-404 - added

SB 447 Senator Waldstreicher

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – USE OR MAINTENANCE OF IMPROPER OR OUTDATED ADDRESSES IN DOCUMENTS

Prohibiting the use or maintenance of an improper or outdated address in documents filed for inclusion in records of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; authorizing a person listed as an owner of real property in the Department's records to file an affidavit with the Department stating that the property's address on record with the Department is being used or maintained in violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CA, § 1-201.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 448 Senator King

EDUCATION – REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS AND LIBRARIES – FUNDING

Altering the calculation of certain funding for certain regional resource centers and each county public library system for certain fiscal years.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 23-205(c) and 23-503 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 449 Senator Smith

UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES – REMEDIES

Increasing the limitations on the amount of compensatory damages and punitive damages that may be awarded to a complainant in a certain unlawful employment practice case; and increasing the period of time, from 2 years to 3 years, for which a claimant may recover back pay in a certain unlawful employment practice case.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SG, § 20-1009 - amended

SB 450 Senator Smith

HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT – DEFINITIONS – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING

Altering the definition of "harassment" for purposes of certain provisions relating to discrimination in employment to include sexual harassment and certain unwelcome and offensive conduct; and altering the definition of "sexual harassment" for purposes of certain provisions relating to State government sexual harassment prevention training.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SG, § 20-601(h) and SP, § 2-203.1(a) - amended and SG, § 20-601(k) - added Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 451 Senator Smith

UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS – TOLLING

Tolling the period of time during which a complainant may file a civil action that alleges an unlawful employment practice while an administrative charge is pending.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SG, § 20-1013 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 452 Senator Smith

SMALL CLAIMS – EXAMINATION IN AID OF ENFORCEMENT – PROHIBITION ON ARREST OR INCARCERATION FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR

Prohibiting an individual from being arrested or incarcerated for failure to respond to certain orders to appear in court relating to an examination in aid of enforcement of a money judgment entered in a small claim action in the District Court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, § 11-704 - added

SB 453 Senators McCray and Edwards

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND MAKERSPACE INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Establishing the Maryland Makerspace Initiative Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to encourage the establishment of makerspaces throughout the State; authorizing the Corporation to partner with a certain entity to provide technical assistance to certain nonprofit entities and to award certain financial assistance to local governments, certain designees of local government, and certain nonprofit entities for the establishment of makerspaces in the State; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EC, §§ 10-4C-01 through 10-4C-06 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 454 Senators Bailey and Jackson

MARINE CONTRACTOR LICENSE – PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES – LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND FEES

Exempting an individual employed by a county or municipality in the State who performs marine contractor services while in the performance of the duties of their employment from paying a fee for the issuance or renewal of a marine contractor license or a test administered by the Marine Contractors Licensing Board; and authorizing a certain individual to perform marine contractor services without having to obtain a marine contractor license under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EN, § 17-301 - amended

SB 455 Senator Bailey

CHESAPEAKE BAY AND COASTAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE AND RECREATIONAL FISHING – PILOT PROGRAM AND TASK FORCE

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay and Coastal Sport Fishing License Pilot Program to collect certain recreational fishing information and improve compliance with a certain registration requirement; and establishing the Task Force on Recreational Fishing Data Collection and Licensing to study and develop multiyear plans for improving the collection and quality of certain recreational fishing data.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

NR, § 4-745.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 456 Senator Bailey

FIREARMS – HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE – FIREARMS ORIENTATION COMPONENT

Providing that a firearms orientation component of a certain firearms safety training course required for a certain handgun qualification license may include the use of live or inert ammunition; and prohibiting a person from being required to fire rounds of live ammunition for a certain firearms orientation component.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PS, § 5-117.1(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 457 Senator Bailey

WORKGROUP TO STUDY TRIAL IN ABSENCE

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Trial in Absence to study and make recommendations regarding the implementation of trial in absence for certain nonserious misdemeanors and traffic—related offenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SB 458 Senators Griffith and Elfreth

MARYLAND TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS – USE OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Requiring the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to consider using minority business enterprises for certain services; requiring the Board to use the Office of State Procurement's website to provide notice to potential providers; and requiring the Board, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, to identify entities that have been certified as minority business enterprises under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SP, § 35-302 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 459 Senator Salling

INCOME TAX CREDIT – ACTIVE DUTY, RETIRED, AND HONORABLY DISCHARGED MILITARY – HOUSING EXPENSES

Allowing a tax credit against the State income tax for certain housing expenses of certain active duty, retired, or honorably discharged military personnel; and providing for the carryforward of the unused credit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-754 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 460 Senator Augustine

CONSUMER HEALTH ACCESS PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION CARE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Consumer Health Access Program for Mental Health and Addiction Care to assist State residents in accessing mental health and substance use disorder services under public and private health insurance and address insurance—related barriers to mental health and substance use disorder services; requiring the Program to promote equity in access to mental health and substance use disorder services; establishing certain requirements for the Program relating to consumer medical records and other information; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, §§ 13-4401 through 13-4409 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 461 Senator Griffith

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – PROCEDURES AND PRICING AND SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR PREFERRED PROVIDERS

Renaming the Pricing and Selection Committee for Blind Industries and Services of Maryland and the Employment Works Program to be the Pricing and Selection Committee for Preferred Providers; requiring that Maryland Correctional Enterprises provide the proposed prevailing average market price of certain goods and services that are available from Maryland Correctional Enterprises to the Pricing and Selection Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

CS, § 3-515 and SF, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 462 Senator Lee, et al

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – EXPANDED AMERICAN HISTORY – DEVELOPMENT OF CONTENT STANDARDS AND IMPLEMENTATION

Requiring the State Board of Education, in collaboration with local school systems, to develop, by December 1, 2022, content standards for expanded American history; requiring each county board of education, in collaboration with the local school system, to develop and implement certain curriculum guides for expanded American history; requiring each public school, by the 2023–2024 school year, to include expanded American history in the social studies curriculum; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED. § 7-205.5 - added

SB 463 Senator Feldman

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY – FUNDING FORMULAS – ALTERATION (WMATA DEDICATED FUNDING AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022)

Requiring the appropriation in the annual budget for the purpose of providing grants to pay the capital costs of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to equal at least the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2022; requiring, subject to a certain contingency, that a certain mandated appropriation be increased by 3% each year; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TR, § 10-205 (f) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 464 Senators Feldman and Hershey

UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION - ENFORCEMENT

Authorizing the Maryland Underground Facilities Damage Prevention Authority to impose, instead of or in addition to assessing a civil penalty, enforcement measures on persons that perform excavation or demolition without providing required notice.

EMERGENCY BILL

PU, § 12-135(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 465 Senator Carter

VEHICLE LAWS – LICENSES AND PERMITS – PROHIBITED ACTS

Repealing a certain prohibition relating to licenses to drive and moped operator permits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 16-301(q) - repealed and §§ 16-301(r) and 16-402(a)(36) - amended

SB 466 Senator Carter

POTOMAC RIVER COMPACT – CLARIFICATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AMENDMENTS

Clarifying that the State considers certain amendments to the Potomac River Compact to be in effect.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 467 Senator West

BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION – AWARD LIMITS

Increasing the limit, from \$20,000 to \$30,000, that the Maryland Home Improvement Commission can award from the Home Improvement Guaranty Fund to one claimant for certain acts or omissions of one contractor.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

BR, § 8-405 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 468 Senator West

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES – PAYMENT OF COMMISSIONS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES WITHOUT COURT APPROVAL

Providing that a personal representative may pay commissions and attorney's fees without court approval only if the payments consented to are for services rendered prior to the consent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

ET, § 7-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 469 Senators Rosapepe and Benson

COURTS - REMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS

Requiring each court in the State to provide remote audio—visual access to all public court proceedings, unless a proceeding is deemed closed, confidential, or restricted by federal or State law; and authorizing a presiding judge to prohibit a certain broadcast under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, § 1-206 - added

SB 470 Senator Rosapepe

GENERAL PROVISIONS - COMMEMORATIVE DAYS - DASHAIN DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim October 5 as Dashain Day, a festival originating in Nepal that celebrates and symbolizes victory of good over evil.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

GP, § 7-415 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 471 Senator Rosapepe

FACILITATING UNIVERSITY TRANSFORMATIONS BY UNIFYING REDUCTIONS IN EMISSIONS (FUTURE) ACT

Requiring each public senior higher education institution to be carbon neutral for certain emissions on or before January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2035; specifying certain requirements that a public senior higher education institution must meet to achieve the carbon neutral requirements under the Act; requiring each public senior higher education institution to designate, on or before August 1, 2022, a certain individual to implement and monitor the institution's progress with certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 15-134 and 18-3901 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 472 Senator Kramer

STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – REVISIONS AND BUDGET BILL APPROPRIATIONS

Altering the collective bargaining process for State employees, including by requiring the selection of a neutral arbitrator to oversee all aspects of collective bargaining, establishing a process of arbitration in the event of impasse, and providing that certain decisions of a neutral arbitrator are binding; requiring that each budget bill contain the appropriations necessary to implement all terms and conditions of employment in certain memoranda of understanding for the next ensuing fiscal year; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, § 7-108, SP, §§ 3-103, 3-501, 3-502, 3-603 and Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 52 - amended and SP, § 3-503 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 473 Senators Edwards and Corderman

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND E–NNOVATION INITIATIVE PROGRAM – QUALIFYING DONATIONS

Altering the minimum threshold for a qualified donation or pledge made to a research endowment of a nonprofit institution of higher education for purposes of the Maryland E–Nnovation Initiative Program if the nonprofit institution of higher education has an annual unrestricted current funds budget of less than \$250,000,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 6-613(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 474 Senators Edwards and Corderman

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WESTERN MARYLAND ECONOMIC FUTURE INVESTMENT BOARD AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board; establishing the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Fund to provide grant or loan funding to capital infrastructure and business development projects that improve the economic conditions in the region; requiring the Board to develop criteria to review, evaluate, and rate certain proposals for funding, to distribute certain funding, and to monitor and track the progress of certain projects that have received funding; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EC, §§ 13-736 through 13-741 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 475 Senator Beidle, et al

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION POLICE – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – SUPERVISORS AND SERGEANTS

Adding sergeants and supervisors within the Maryland Transit Administration Police to the list of employees authorized to collectively bargain with the Maryland Transit Administration.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TR, § 7-601 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 476 Senator Hester, et al

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER'S LICENSES AND OFF–SITE PERMITS – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending, from December 31, 2022, to June 30, 2023, the termination date for various provisions relating to alcoholic beverages manufacturer's licenses and off—site permits, including provisions that authorize most manufacturers to sell and deliver and to directly ship their own alcoholic beverages products to consumers under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Chapters 359 and 360 of the Acts of 2021, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 477 Senators Hester and Rosapepe

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER – LEGAL DIVISION AND PRIVATE LETTER RULING PROCEDURES

Establishing a Legal Division in the Office of the Comptroller to provide expanded and detailed tax guidance to taxpayers and perform other duties relating to private letter rulings as assigned by the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to issue certain private letter rulings on the request of a person, except under certain circumstances; requiring the Comptroller when denying a private letter ruling request to provide the requestor with written reasons for the denial and to do so within 60 days of the request submission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, §§ 2-102.1 and 13-1A-01 through 13-1A-05 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 478 Senator Hester, et al

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE – ALTERATIONS

Adding a representative of a skilled trade organization and a representative of a career college to the list of members who must be selected for the Career and Technical Education Committee; altering the committee's duties and authorized actions to include the perspective of career colleges and skilled trade organizations; and requiring the committee to develop and provide to guidance counselors and public schools in the State a list of all skilled trade organization programs and career programs in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

ED, § 21-209(d), (h), and (i) - amended

SB 479 Senator Hester

ENVIRONMENT – ON–SITE WASTEWATER SERVICES – REGULATION

Establishing the State Board of On–Site Wastewater Professionals in the Department of the Environment to regulate individuals who provide on–site wastewater services in the State and to establish minimum standards for certain on–site wastewater systems; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Board, to set certain fees for the issuance and renewal of licenses and other Board–provided services; establishing the On–Site Wastwater Professionals Fund; requiring the Board to establish a certain code of ethics; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

EN, §§ 9-11A-01 through 9-11A-21 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145. - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 480 Senator Hester, et al

CHILD CARE STABILIZATION GRANT PROGRAM AND CHILD CARE EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program and the Child Care Expansion Grant Program in the State Department of Education.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 9.5-115 and 9.5-116 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 481 Senator Cassilly, et al

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SERVICE UNDER STADIUM LICENSE

Repealing the requirement that an individual serve beer, wine, and liquor under a Harford County stadium beer, wine, and liquor license only in plastic, Styrofoam, or paper containers and authorizing an individual to serve beer, wine, and liquor under the license by the drink and by the bottle, from one or more outlets, for on–premises consumption.

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, § 22-1006 - amended

SB 482 Senator Cassilly, et al

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE

Establishing in Harford County a resort complex license that authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at certain outlets in the resort complex.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 22-1005.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 483 Senator Cassilly, et al

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – STADIUM LICENSE ANNUAL FEE

Reducing the annual fee for a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County from \$10,000 to \$4,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 22-1006 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 484 Senator Cassilly

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – RIGHT OF APPEAL – UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

Authorizing the State, in a criminal case involving the unlawful possession of firearms under certain circumstances, to appeal from a decision of a trial court that excludes evidence offered by the State or requires the return of certain property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CJ, § 12-302(c) - amended

SB 485 Senators West and Watson

ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES – ELECTION AND RESTRICTION ON PRACTICING LAW

Prohibiting a candidate for judge of the orphans' court from appearing on the ballot in a primary election or being nominated by a political party or by petition; and prohibiting judges of the orphans' court from acting as an attorney during their term of office in any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the court and related to the administration of an estate or guardianship of a minor. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EL, §§ 5-303(a) and 8-901 through 8-905 - added and EL, Various Sections and ET, § 2-109 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 486 Senator Kagan, et al

PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS – GENDER–INCLUSIVE SIGNAGE

Requiring that single-occupancy public restrooms be marked with gender-inclusive signage in certain places of public accommodation and certain public buildings; providing that a county is responsible for enforcing the signage requirement in places of public accommodation; and authorizing a county to set certain fines for second and subsequent violations after a certain period of time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SF, $\S\S$ 2-801 and 2-803 - amended and \S 2-803 - added and SG, \S 20-307 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 487 Senator Griffith, et al

PROCUREMENT – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – REVISIONS

Requiring a procurement officer, in an invitation for bids or a request for proposals, to include a certain summary of the factors used to determine the expected degree of minority business enterprise participation for the contract; authorizing certain entities to retain certification as a minority business enterprise if the entity participates as a mentor in a certain mentorship program and under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SF, Various Sections and SG, § 9-305(b)(7) - amended and SF, § 14-502.1 and SG, § 9-303.3 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 488 Senator Griffith, et al

SALES AND USE TAX – MEDICAL DEVICES – EXEMPTION

Exempting the sale of certain thermometers, pulse oximeters, and blood pressure monitors from the sales and use tax.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 11-211(b)(18) and (19) - amended and (b)(20) through (22) - added Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 489 Senator Hershey

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – PUBLIC SAFETY – BUILDINGS USED FOR AGRITOURISM

Adding Queen Anne's County to the list of counties that exempt agricultural buildings used for agritourism from certain building performance standards; and exempting a building used for agritourism in Queen Anne's County from a certain permit requirement under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PS, § 12-508 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 490 Senators Ready and McCray

MARYLAND RECYCLING ACT – RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND SOLID WASTE STREAM – ALTERATION

Altering the definitions of "recyclable materials" and "solid waste stream" under the Maryland Recycling Act to include construction and demolition debris.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EN, § 9-1701(p) and (s) - amended

SB 491 Senator Benson

PROPERTY TAX – TAXATION OF BUSINESS PROPERTY – TAX RATES, EXEMPTIONS, AND CREDITS

Prohibiting the county tax rate and municipal tax rate applicable to business personal property from exceeding \$2 for each \$100 of assessment; exempting business personal property from the property tax imposed by a county or municipal corporation, subject to certain exceptions; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on business property; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

TP, §§ 6-302(b) and 6-303(c) - amended and §§ 6-302(d), 6-303(d), 7-402, and 9-267 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 492 Senator Pinsky, et al

ENVIRONMENT – DISCHARGE PERMITS – INSPECTIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTINUATIONS

Limiting the period of time for which the Department of the Environment may administratively continue certain water pollution discharge permits; establishing inspection and reporting requirements for certain permit holders; establishing administrative penalties for certain permit holders determined to be in significant noncompliance of certain State or federal water quality standards, effluent limitations, or other requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

EN, § 9-328 - amended and § 9-328.1 - added

SB 493 Senator Pinsky, et al

PUBLIC HEALTH - COMMISSION ON UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE

Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care to develop a plan for the State to establish a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single—payer system; requiring a member of the Commission to be subject to ethics laws and disclose certain other information related to ethics; and prohibiting a member of the Commission from being held personally liable for actions taken as a member under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

HG, §§ 13-4401 through 13-4403 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 494 Senator Pinsky, et al

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the application of certain testing, certification, and enforcement requirements for certain efficiency standards; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to review certain efficiency standards on or before January 1, 2023; prohibiting the sale, offering for sale, and installation of certain products in the State under certain circumstances beginning on a certain date; requiring the Administration to adopt regulations on efficiency standards for certain products on or before January 1, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SG, Various Sections - repealed, added, and amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 495 Senator Carozza

SOMERSET COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ABOLISHMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD AND DISPENSARY SYSTEM

Abolishing the liquor control board and the alcoholic beverages dispensary system in Somerset County; establishing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in the county; and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Somerset County to issue the license.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

AB, §§ 29-301 through 29-311 and 29-504 - repealed and §§ 29-501, 29-901, 29-902, 29-1001 through 29-1003, and 29-2004 - amended

SB 496 Senator Beidle

BUSINESS REGULATION – MISCELLANEOUS STATE BUSINESS LICENSES – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain administrative and enforcement provisions for business licenses issued in the State; altering certain licensing provisions for certain businesses in the State, including construction, garages, peddlers, junk dealers and scrap metal processors, laundries and dry cleaners, storage warehouses, restaurants, chain stores, traders, and vending machines; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

BR, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 497 Senator Gallion

DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT – HUNTING ON STATE LAND LEASED BY PERMIT HOLDER – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing an individual who hunts deer under a Deer Management Permit to use a shotgun or breech loading center fired rifle approved by the Department to hunt deer throughout the year, including all deer hunting seasons, in a certain manner on State land leased by a permit holder for the purpose of cultivating crops.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

NR, § 10-415(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 498 Senator Gallion

EDUCATION – STUDENT HORIZON DATABASE AND SCORECARD (STUDENTS RIGHT TO KNOW ACT OF 2022)

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with certain agencies, to annually collect certain information on the military and jobs, high schools, private career schools, and certain institutions of higher education in the State and to create and maintain a Student Horizon database on the Department's website that contains the information collected; requiring the Department to publish, and each local school system to distribute, the Student Horizon Scorecard on or before certain dates each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

ED, § 7-129 - added

SB 499 Senator Simonaire

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – TERM LIMITS

Prohibiting members of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from serving more than four consecutive terms; and extending the term of a certain member of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

AB, § 11-202(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 500 Senator Simonaire

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – REPUBLICAN PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE – ELECTIONS

Altering, from three to two, the number of members elected from each councilmanic district of Anne Arundel County to the Anne Arundel County Republican Party Central Committee.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 4-203(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 501 Senator Elfreth, et al

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – PROCEDURES – ALTERATIONS

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to follow certain procedures for each open meeting of the Commission; and requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Commission, on or before April 15 of each year, to notify each student of the Office's decision regarding the student's application for a Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Educational Excellence Award.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 11-105(w) - added and § 18-307 - amended

SB 502 Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATION – CLARIFICATIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Clarifying the procedures for certain State Retirement and Pension System trustee elections; clarifying the survivor benefit for certain beneficiaries of certain retirees of the State Police Retirement System; exempting certain individuals who are retirees of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System from a certain earnings offset under certain circumstances if the individuals are reemployed as parole and probation employees; repealing certain obsolete provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

SP, §§ 21-104(a)(4)(i), (iii), and (v) and (b)(1), 24-401.1(j)(2), 25-403(b), and 27-301 - amended and § 27-304 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 503 Senator Lam

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – DOULA SERVICES – COVERAGE

Requiring a provider to meet certain requirements in order to provide doula services in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to cover certain doula services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, § 15-141.3 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 27, 2022

SJ 6 Senator Bailey

ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION – ATLANTIC MENHADEN – PROHIBITION ON COMMERCIAL REDUCTION FISHING

Requesting the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to consider prohibiting the commercial reduction fishing of Atlantic menhaden, including the use of purse seines and spotter planes, in the Chesapeake Bay.

SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED January 26, 2022

SB 376 Senator Lee

COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING INVESTMENT ACT

Authorizing a certain county or municipality to convert its street lighting service to a customer—owned street lighting tariff, acquire certain street lighting equipment by purchase or condemnation, enter into an agreement to purchase electricity, and request that an electric company remove certain street lighting equipment in the county's or municipality's jurisdiction; authorizing certain street lighting disputes to be submitted to the Public Service Commission for resolution; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

LG, § 1-1309 - amended and PU, § 4-212 - added

Reassigned to: Finance

SB 408 Senator Elfreth

INCOME TAX CREDIT – PARENT OF STILLBORN CHILD

Allowing a parent of a stillborn child a refundable credit of \$1,000 against the State income tax for each birth for which a certain certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth or a certificate of fetal death has been issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-754 - added

Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 411 Senator Elfreth

MARYLAND SENATOR EDWARD J. KASEMEYER COLLEGE INVESTMENT PLAN – STATE MATCHING CONTRIBUTION – AGE OF ACCOUNT HOLDER

Requiring an account holder of the Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer College Investment Plan to be at least 18 years old to qualify for the State matching contribution for applications filed on or after January 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 18-19A-04.1(a) - amended